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Connecticut General Assembly  
Planning and Development Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 2100  
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Support of HR 5170

Dear Members of the Planning and Development Committee,

I write in support of HR 5170.

Over my lifetime, I have volunteered for and adopted from various municipal shelters and dog rescue organizations. My current dog Balto, was alone and abandoned by his previous owners in an apartment for 2 weeks before the police were called to forcibly gain entry so they could get Balto the lifesaving care he needed. I have talked with many Animal Control Officers about what can be done to help dogs that are tethered in yards, neglected and ignored by their owners. Too often they tell me that they are unable to help certain animals because Connecticut does not give them the authority to do so. Please empower the ACOs and other municipal officers to prevent needless cruelty and pass this tethering and appropriate shelter legislation that will allow enforcement of minimum standards. Honestly, we should have stricter standards than these but this legislation is a step in the right direction and will undoubtedly help to empower ACOs to pull dogs that are being neglected by unfit owners. If owners cannot at least meet these minimum standards, they should not be allowed the privilege to own a dog. Please give ACOs the power to do what is right and prevent unnecessary cruelty in our communities.

This bill is very important for the voiceless dogs who suffer terribly at the end of tethers.

Thank you for considering this bill and I urge you to support it.

Sincerely,

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